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ALL HAIL TO THEE,  
O BLESSED MORN!

All hail to thee, O blessed  
morn!  
To tidings, long by prophets  
borne,  
Hast Thou fulfillment given,  
O sacred and immortal day,  
When unto earth, in glorious  
ray,  
Descends the grace of heaven!  
Singing, Ringing,  
Sounds are blending,  
Praises sending  
Unto heaven  
For the Lord to mankind  
given.

'Tis God's own Image and,  
withal,  
The Son of Man, that mortals  
all  
May find in Him a brother,  
He comes with peace and love  
to bide  
On earth, the erring race to  
guide,  
And help, as could no other;  
Rather Gather  
Closer, fonder,  
Sheep that wander,  
Feed and fold them,  
Than let evil powers hold  
them.

## Christmas Greetings



Again we eagerly welcome Christmas with its beautiful story of the "Little boy Jesus"—His birth in Bethlehem, the Manger, the star, and the Wise Men, the Angels' song and the Shepherd's visit at Bethlehem's manger.

Rich and poor, learned and ignorant, saint and sinner find here a common point of contact. Before the Christ child worldly and material distinctions fade away. We lose ourselves in the wonder and mystery of His coming. In Him God entered into this world of sin and shame and sorrow, sickness and death, of toil and care and despair, pouring upon us and within us light, heavenly and radiant, love beyond our comprehension, cheer and faith, courage and strength sufficient unto each day and need.

But everyone does not see the Star. All do not hear the Angel's song, nor do they find the manger where lies love's greatest revelation. Only those with childlike hearts can find Him. That is why Christmas is a children's season when age sheds its years and its solemnity, again to be a child; when love and kindness rule and gifts are presented. It is a faint reflection, a glimmer from the first Christmas morn'ing when God's love was shed upon the world and God's most precious gift was brought to man. Let us each ask this season, "What has He brought to me?"

"And the word became flesh and dwelt among us and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father full of grace and Truth."—John 1:14.

Ernest G. Svenson.



"—And we beheld his glory." John 1:14

The Son of man was glorious and he shed about himself glory. His apostles had no glory of their own, but they became glorious by coming in touch with the "King of Glory." In the measure that you and I come in touch with Jesus by faith, we become glorious in spite of our sins and imperfections. A merry Christmas to all.

J. A. Edlund.



Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift (2 Cor. 9:15). Unspeakable gift—salvation in Jesus through faith. This is the greatest and most wonderful gift ever given or received. If you have this gift you will have A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year and you will tell others about it.

C. Thunberg.

Christmas! Again we welcome Thee, not only for thy Annual Return and Thy Mirth; but rather for thy Deeper, Divine Gladness, Love and Friendship.

May all that enriches life and God's bounty increase with the Christmas and remain throughout a Happy Year.

Axel M. Green.



That which gives us occasion to celebrate Christmas is the greatest event in all history. And, wonderful to say, the birth of Christ has also succeeded in penetrating deeper into the conscience of the Christian world than anything else.

For sincere Christians this must call for a great deal of physical and spiritual preparations. But it must be a preparation that is actuated by love and joy. "God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts." "Singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord."

May our hearts be overflowing with real Christmas Joy.

Carl A. V. Lund.



"Glory to God  
In the highest,  
On earth peace,  
Good will toward  
men."



The people living Nineteen Centuries ago are thus characterized: "He came to His own . . . they received Him not." There are, Thank God, within our congregations, people, whose hearts are thrilled, meditating upon the Savior's Birth. To these the Christmas message will bring PEACE, JOY AND GOOD-WILL. May such be YOUR Christmas Season.

N. William Anderson.



Lo, I come: In the volume of the Book it is written about me. Ps. 40:7.

In sending a Christmas greeting to Columbia Lutheran readers, we quote this message from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, for in him and thru him only, is true happiness and joy for time and Eternity. So in his name we wish you all a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

J. Trudson

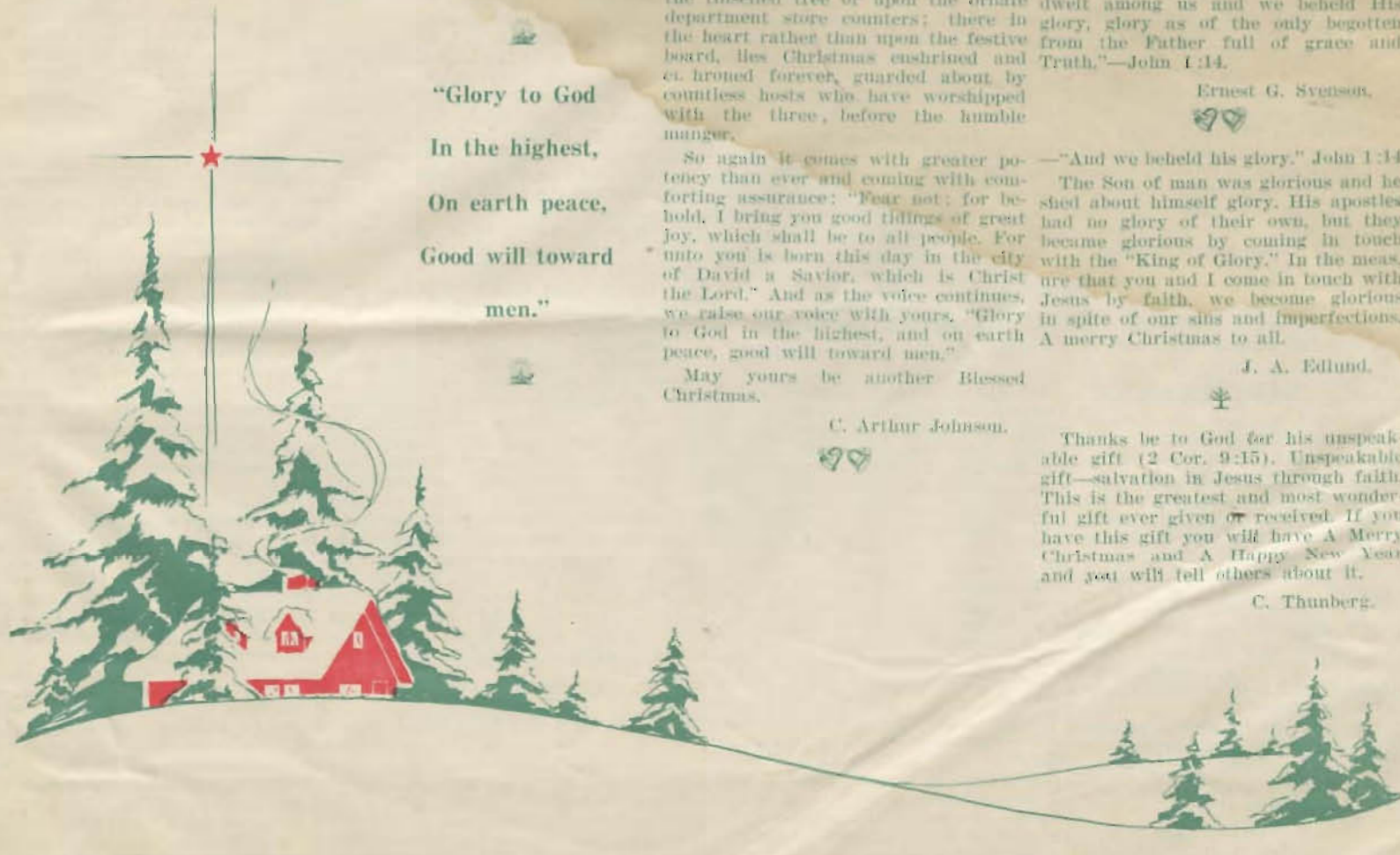


We find little sympathy with the idea of "what's wrong with Christmas." In the heart, rather than under the tinsel tree or upon the ornate department store counters; there in the heart rather than upon the festive board, lies Christmas enshrined and cherished forever, guarded about by countless hosts who have worshipped with the three, before the humble manger.

So again it comes with greater potency than ever and coming with comforting assurance: "Fear not; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord." And as the voice continues, we raise our voice with yours, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

May yours be another Blessed Christmas.

C. Arthur Johnson.



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To all readers, correspondents and other friends, the Columbia Lutheran extends a most cordial wish for a Blessed Yuletide.

"Behold, I bring you Glad Tidings; for unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior."

Enoch Sandeen,  
Editor.



Ink and "lifetime pens", when used, have no doubt contributed materially to the weals and woes of humankind. There was a time, so they tell us, when producing a letter was more laborious than now; yet in those days good letters were written and lifetime friendship was thus kept conscientiously real to more than one party to it. Those days are gone. We live in a different age, and of course we should have the sense to take its differences philosophically. Well, our profession and our business, plus the depression, have nearly robbed us of our living; and that makes the difference.

The printing press, however, still brings to us in a collective sense information for which we should be duly thankful. The Columbia Lutheran has come most every month with interesting news from the Conference, in whose service it was our privilege to be for a period of eleven years. One does not "die" from one's first love. We have read with interest of the heroic efforts and of the splendid accomplishments in the various congregations and in the Conference as such during the two lean years since we have been in another field. Did we say "lean years?" They have been "leaner." That makes your accomplishments greater still.

We have our problems in the Illinois Conference, too. Frankly, we do not know how they are to be solved, but we are training ourselves at last to face facts. Our gallant officers and Church Boards are under constant strain by reason of growing deficits. But, under God, we are still carrying on; and with His benediction upon our humble and feeble efforts we believe that we shall come thru, perhaps a bit wiser for the experience. As for us personally, we are well and happy in our new field, with just enough to do to keep out of mischief.

This is a greeting. We are thinking especially of our old friends in Vancouver-New Westminster, Sedro Woolley and Yakima; of the pastors, old and new; of the official family of the Conference; and of the members of the congregations, both old and young, whose associations have made our life richer. May you all have a Blessed Christmas! May the riches of the glorious Christ, whose coming in the flesh we shall once more celebrate, be yours in the fullest measure!

Yours in Christ

Pastor & Mrs. P. H. Nordlander

"And His name shall be called Counsellor" . . .

Christmas reminds again of the completeness of the Gift of God. Jesus, our Savior, is also our COUNSELLOR. In the midst of perplexities of social and individual life, the blessed invitation comes to "Search the Scriptures" that we might rightly evaluate the gift unspeakable.

Harry W. Lundbad.



There it is, the Christmas story in all its simplicity, the humble Joseph and Mary, the stable, the manger, the angels' song, the shepherds, the star, the wise men, and JESUS IN THE MIDST. What would it all amount to with Him left out? Do you think those serious men who watched their flocks on Judea's hills were glad to hear what the angels told them and to go into the holy city to visit the Christ child? Well, if they were, why should not 20th century folk be just as glad? Many of them would be if an opportunity came their way. Christmas cannot have its old-time meaning unless JESUS IS PUT IN THE MIDST. Feasting and hilarity do not make a Christmas. He must be the center of our plans and thoughts. We must MAKE ROOM FOR HIM in our heart and home.

God so loved the World that He gave His Only Begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not Perish, but have Everlasting Life.

Jesus Came To SAVE Us.

E. Arthur Larson.



An abundance of rain has fallen these days round and about Aberdeen, but yet, "for showers of blessings we plead." May God grant to all our churches and friends a joyful Christmas season!

Carl J. Renhard.



"And they fell down and worshipped Him; and opening their treasures they offered unto Him gifts." Matt. 2:11.

Gifts! Yes! The shops are full of potential gifts for all. A voice seems to say: "come and get it." Have you the price? What will be a worthy gift for the recipient of your good will?—The wise men knew what to bring. Notice, "they worshipped him." The angels rejoiced! Secondly, "they offered unto him gifts." Valuable and useful gifts.—First the heart and soul; secondly, material good. Jesus will understand that brand of good will.

J. A. Martin.



### THE PRINCE OF PEACE By Rev. C. G. Bloomquist

He has introduced Himself as the Prince of Peace. That recalls Isaiah 58:12, "Thou shalt be called the repairer of the breach." Prince of Peace and repairer of the breach convey the same glorious fact. Of course, Isaiah speaks immediately of the repairing of walls of the fallen city, but ultimately also of the repairing of mankind. No one can gain for himself a finer tribute than that. He has come to bring peace within and to repair the walls so as to keep out forever the wildness of the world of sin and death.

The task is stupendous. Did you notice? "He comes to BRING peace." It is not native to the present order of things and must, for that reason, be brought in here from elsewhere. Men have been at it assiduously these many years, to close up the breaches in the walls through which flow such streams of conflict and confusion. But to many at this Christmas season confusion seems only more confused. Are

### "THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS"



Constance Sundquist as Mary, and Lillian Lovenberg and Ruth Haggblom as Bethlehem friends in the pantomime of "Silent Night," rendered at a Christmas song service, Dec. 17, at Bethel, Seattle. The service was introduced by chimes and participants were the Choir, Quartet and Instrumental Trio.

pairing is a task too great for us? If so, then turn to Him. He alone is the task-repairer. He alone is equal to the task.

Doubly strange, He comes to us all individually with the offer of his service as peacemaker and repairer, and that for a compensation that will make us rather than break us. In the first place, He would infuse a permanent and settled peace in the inner world of man; and this He can do effectively since He is Infinite Peace, and thus He brings eternal calm to every mind and heart. That means peace God-ward and peace man-ward. This is basic; it is fundamental. In the next place, with the peaceful, divinely shaped and fashioned as tools devised for a special task, He will proceed to close up the breaks. To be peacemakers we must have peace within. The friction in the world is all due to the unrest within man. Not till the heart is at peace and has been repaired are we fit to be workmen on the walls of the city of God. Christ comes at Christmas to retool his work-shop. The question now is: Do we want Him to come on that errand and are we willing to submit to his will?

Fellowship with God in Christ and fellowship with man are bound up with one another. The Christian man can not see how we can be brethren till we have become the children of God. Do we realize how desperately we need the spirit of love? Our present forms of human relationships must be revamped in terms of pure love. Where is the source of this love, and where can we find its standards and measurements? Listen, "There is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior who is Christ the Lord." He is, the Prince of Peace and the repairer of the walls. We may come to Him to be perfected.



### ITEMS OF INTEREST

Gethsemane, Seattle, mourns the passing of two of its members, Swan Nelson, 66, and Otto B. Liden, 59. Both died suddenly of heart attack Sunday, Dec. 10, the former in the morning and the latter in the evening. Both

long residents in this country. Nelson was in the restaurant business and Liden in tailoring. Nelson is survived by his widow, Marie Nelson, one son, Frederick W., and a daughter, Elvira. Liden is survived by his widow, Christina Liden, a son, Harry, and a daughter, Alice. Both were men of sterling christian character and their departure will be a distinct loss to the congregation as well as to the family.

Mr. Norman Palmgren and Miss Ameda Shoberg, both members of the Colton Lutheran Church, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony Wednesday evening, Dec. 12. The pastor of the congregation, Rev. Ernest J. Sakrison, officiated.

Mrs. C. R. Swanson, wife of Dr. C. R. Swanson of Seattle, had the misfortune of falling down the stairs in the parsonage Dec. 10 and break an arm. She is at home and is doing well.

Edwin Carlson, Sunday School superintendent of our church in Aberdeen, mourns the loss of a brother, John Algot Carlson, who was killed almost instantly in an accident at a mill in this city on Nov. 30th. Funeral services were held on Dec. 2nd in the presence of a very large gathering of relatives and friends. The deceased was 42 years old and leaves a wife, Adeline, and three daughters, La Veryl, June and Vernice.

Andrew Anderson of Fletcher Bay on Balubridge Island has passed away in the age of 81 years. He was the father of Mrs. John Ostrand and Mrs. Hannah Johnson, and brother of A. E. Anderson. The funeral was held at the Port Blakely church, Rev. Carl Bengtson officiating. Johnson & Sons mortuary conducted the services.

Trinity Luther League, Gresham, Ore., held its annual business meeting Dec. 1. A most interesting program was arranged, especially entertaining to the ladies as it was "Men's Night" and every feature of the program and refreshments was sponsored by "male talent," ranging from chef service to a very fine address by Judge Mears of Portland. Paul Dahlstedt was con-

## HOME!

By Margaretta Grant.

There is beauty all around  
When there's love at home;  
There is joy in every sound  
When there's love at home;  
Peace and plenty here bestride,  
Smiling sweet on every side,  
Time doth softly, sweetly glide  
When there's love at home;

Home! Your home! My home! God's home! The most sought after, restful, memorable, perfect, peaceful excitement—a happy home! Welcoming and glowing with the warm embers of affection; this humble abode awaits the return of its master. The door ever swings open to greet the neighbors and friends honored, warmly received. This is home when God is in it!

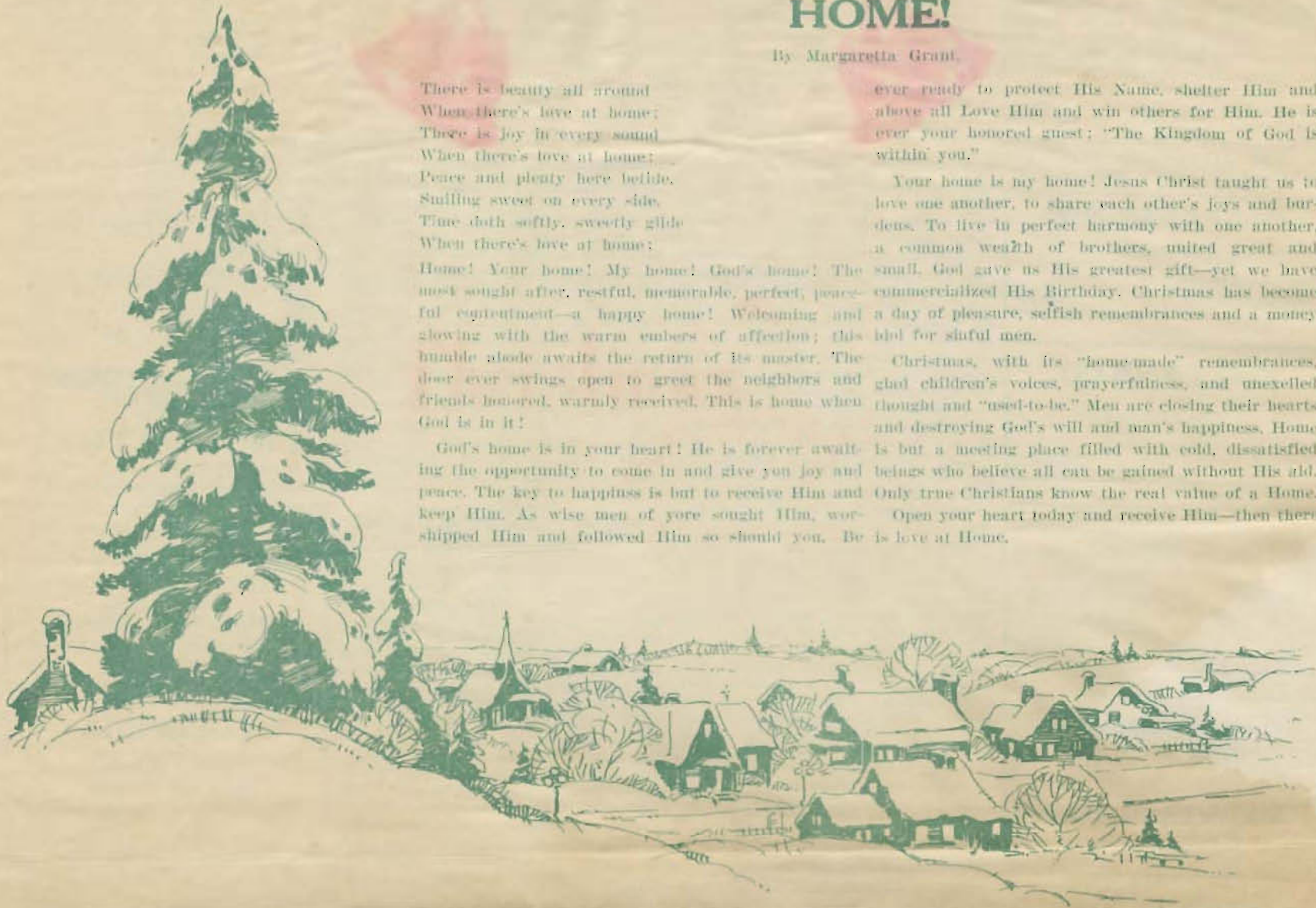
God's home is in your heart! He is forever awaiting the opportunity to come in and give you joy and peace. The key to happiness is but to receive Him and keep Him. As wise men of yore sought Him, worshipped Him and followed Him so should you. Be

ever ready to protect His Name, shelter Him and above all Love Him and win others for Him. He is ever your honored guest; "The Kingdom of God is within you."

Your home is my home! Jesus Christ taught us to love one another, to share each other's joys and burdens. To live in perfect harmony with one another, a common wealth of brothers, united great and small. God gave us His greatest gift—yet we have commercialized His Birthday. Christmas has become a day of pleasure, selfish remembrances and a money bid for sinful men.

Christmas, with its "home-made" remembrances, glad children's voices, prayerfulness, and unexcelled thought and "used-to-be." Men are closing their hearts and destroying God's will and man's happiness. Home is but a meeting place filled with cold, dissatisfied beings who believe all can be gained without His aid. Only true Christians know the real value of a Home.

Open your heart today and receive Him—then there is love at Home.



Joy has come into two Bellingham families this season. To Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Schander has arrived a little guest by the name of Ruth Carol and to Mr. and Mrs. Lester Matson a bright-eyed girl who has been given the name Marie Louise.



## Bethany, Seattle.

The Thanksgiving Offer Festival, held Tuesday evening before Thanksgiving Day, yielded the congregation over \$400. Dr. C. P. Harry, of Philadelphia, gave the address. The Pacific Lutheran College choir, sometimes called "The Choir of the West," appeared in the church Sunday evening, Dec. 10. Dr. O. A. Tingelstad pleaded effectively for the school. Envelopes were distributed and an appeal was made for donations. This will be followed up with other efforts in order to make the sum collected for the college as large as possible.

Christmas morning service will be held at 6 o'clock. The Sunday School will give its festival on Wednesday evening at 7:30. The choir and the young people sponsor a Christmas festival on Friday evening, the program taking the form of a very excellent sacred concert. The annual meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 1st.



## Augustana, Portland.

Twenty-six new communicant members have been received into Augustana, Portland, since October the first. In the church paper campaign conducted throughout the synod, Augustana received honorable mention for 53 new subscriptions. Columbia Lutheran also received a few new subscriptions although it had no part in the drive. The choir is now appearing in standard

language choir. The money received from the subscription contest has been put to good use and will pay for a new pulpit which is now being constructed, the old one being rather high and out of symmetry. Attendance at services have been rather good during the fall, the evening services alone having an average attendance of one hundred, which, by comparison, is a splendid achievement. The sum of \$2,977.00 has been pledged for the church budget of 1934. Sver Sorenson and Anna Carlson were united in holy wedlock Sunday afternoon, Nov. 26. The new officers of the Women's Missionary Society are: Mrs. Jos. Sorenson, Pres.; Mrs. Alfred Olson, V. Pres.; Mrs. C. H. Earl, Sec.; and Mrs. A. Morland, Treas.



## CHRISTMAS OVER RADIO

At least twice our churches will be heard in Christmas programs this season. The first program is rendered by the First Lutheran of Tacoma over KVI Dec. 19 as a part of the Scandinavian Hour. On Dec. 30 at 6 p. m. the Bethany Church of Seattle gives a program over KXA, Seattle, in connection with the daily broadcast of the Lundquist and Lily Company. The four Augustana churches of Seattle take turn every Saturday in rendering a program in Swedish under the auspices of the firm.



## AUGUSTANA BOOK CONCERN PUBLISHES ANNUAL

"My Church", an annual publication of the Augustana Book Concern, Rock Island, Ill., has just come off the press, and we hurry to be among the first to hail this splendid publication with a cordial "Welcome!"

It is a good book. By good book is

is all of that. There is something of Daniel Nyström, the editor, that speaks of ability to arrange things well, or, should we say, prepare the reading matter so that we get just what we want. "Luther's Visit to America" is a clear cut and convincing story of Luther in modern dress. The author's name (Paul Scherer) is a guarantee of a good story. Then there is the exceedingly fine story by T. F. Gallixen entitled "God and the Covered Wagon." "The Young Norellus" by Daniel Nyström, and then some inspiring devotional readings (Among which we find one by our former conference president, ev. G. K. Andeen) and "The Athene Crash" by John Helmer Olson — and you know that when John writes a story, it is a story!

The customary reviews, obituaries, etc. are more human than ever. Everything considered the book will make a dandy gift for Christmas.



## Salem, Mount Vernon

The Salem congregation has extended an invitation to the conference to hold its annual meeting in its church next spring. Bushes and ornamental trees have been planted all around the church, which gives the surroundings a beautiful appearance. Two men of the congregation donated the shrubbery.

On Dec. 10, Dr. P. Arthur Johnson, pastor in Galesburg, Ill., visited the congregation and assisted the pastor. At the morning services Dr. Johnson baptized the newborn son of Rev. and Mrs. Carl A. V. Lund and gave him the name George David.

The Skagit Lutheran Brotherhood sponsored the 450th anniversary of Luther's birth held recently in the church. Dr. Phinezer of the Lutheran Pacific College delivered the oration.

Words from Lasse Stahl, who is a student at Gustavus Adolphus College

## First, Tacoma, Host to Governor.

The First Lutheran Church of Tacoma has had a busy fall season. September 27, in the evening, the congregation gathered at the Fall Reunion Banquet. The report of the Committee in charge of the Restaurant Booth, conducted by the ladies of the church at the Western Washington State Fair during the week previous to this dinner, showed a net return of more than five hundred dollars.

Clarence D. Martin, Governor of the State of Washington, was the guest of honor and principal speaker at the Governor's Banquet given in the church Wednesday evening, November 15. The large assembly room of the church was beautifully decorated with leaves, flowers and flags. More than four hundred guests were seated at tables beautifully laid. At the speakers' Table, beside the Governor, were

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the acting Mayor of the city, Commissioner Ira S. Davison accompanied by Mrs. and Miss Davison, Senator Henry Foss, Senator Katherine Malmstrom (only woman State Senator,) the pastor, Reverend Ernest G. Svenson, toastmaster, and Mrs. Svenson.

The celebration of the four hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the birth of Luther was held Sunday evening, November 19. The large church was packed to the corners with an appreciative audience. The Chancel was made into a veritable garden of chrysanthemums and potted plants, obtained through the courtesy of the City Park Board. On either side of the Altar, were draped large American flags and standing in semicircle with the Altar as the center were the colors of Denmark, Norway, Finland and Sweden. Music was provided by various organizations, the Normanna Male Chorus, the Finnlandia Chorus, the First Danish Lutheran Church, the Scandinavian Pioneers and the Choir of the First Lutheran Church. Rev. M. A. Christenson, pastor of the Norwegian Lutheran Church, Astoria, Oregon, spoke on "Luther the Man of the Hour." The offering was taken in the interest of the Lutheran Welfare Mission.

This is the second year the Reformation Service has been held in the First Church under the auspices of the various Scandinavian Societies. These societies were invited last year and responded enthusiastically. This year, when called upon, it seemed a matter to be taken for granted. Next year it will become a tradition. The organizations cooperating are: the Society of Valhalla, the Order of Runeberg, the Order of Vasa, the Scandinavian Fraternity, the Scandinavian Pioneers, the Danish Lutheran Church and the First Norwegian Lutheran Church, as well as the churches of our own Synod in charge of Reverend E. Arthur Larson. These pastors all shared in the service.

#### Central, Yakima.

The month of November was designated as loyalty month in Central, Yakima, and a truly loyal spirit was evident in the good attendance at services and various meetings. The 450th anniversary of the birth of Martin Luther was celebrated in a manner which left lasting impressions and a greater determination for a more earnest effort to continue the work that our forefathers began. The film, "Martin Luther and his time" was shown twice on Nov. 10, and also on the 13th, to accommodate the many who could not see it on the first date.

On Nov. 12, the choir and leaguers of Central, together with Ellensburg leaguers, drove to Kennewick to assist in the celebration of Luther's birth. The afternoon meeting was conducted by the Ellensburg group, when Rev. R. A. Hansen spoke on Reformation. There was also several musical numbers.

Following refreshments and a social hour in the church parlors, the Yakima league gave its contribution. The choir rendered Christianson's "Beautiful Saviour" which gave a fitting prelude to the sermon by Rev. C. Arthur Johnson on "Lessons from the Religious Experience of Luther." Several talented musicians took part in the program, among others Thorald Swanson of Prosser.

At the regular service on Sunday, Nov. 26, consecration ceremonies of "Joush Chest" was held. To the accompaniment of subdued music, eight white robed young girls carrying the Chest proceeded to the Altar. Rev. Johnson used as his text 2 Chron. 24: 1-11. The S. school also took part in the program. Ethel Stockfish sang a solo accompanied by Marie Johnson. Four of the younger boys acted as ushers.

A double wedding, Dec. 4, was solemnized in the German Luth. Church, when Miss Edna Russert and Heinz Ahress, Miss Meta Russert and Glen Snyder took the nuptial vow in the presence of a large gathering of relatives.

"Oh worship the King, All glorious above,  
Oh gratefully sing, His power and His love,  
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of days,  
Pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise."



brides' parents, who were married at the same altar and at the same hour 25 years ago. Both sisters are members of Central and several showers have been held in their honor.

Following the Board meeting, on Dec. 5, the Board of Administration and their wives were guests at a delightful party in the home of Rev. and Mrs. C. Arthur Johnson. A most pleasant time was enjoyed by all. Mrs. Johnson was assisted by her daughter Marie in serving refreshments.

Miss Margaretta Grant of Seattle was seen in Yakima recently.

Harry Liden, principal of Moxee High School, celebrated Thanksgiving with his parents in Seattle. Harry is regular in Central.

#### Fred C. Lindquist Called to His Heavenly Reward.

The First Lutheran Church, Tacoma, sustained a deepfelt loss when on September 30, C. J. Lindquist, one of the oldest and most active members, was called by death. He died from heart failure after being confined to his bed about five weeks.

Mr. Lindquist arrived in this country from Sweden as a young man. He became at once an active member of the Augustana Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota. In 1889, he arrived in Tacoma, and at once joined the First Lutheran Church. He became deacon and Sunday School teacher and served uninterruptedly and with distinction in these offices until his death, a period of forty-four years.

He was born in Vestra Torsås, Småland, March 20, 1865, and was at his demise 68 years, 6 months and 30 days. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Carrie Lindquist, one daughter, Mrs.

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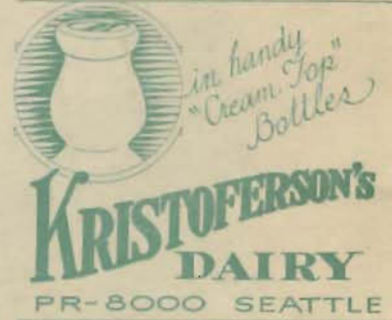
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Myrtle Stenger, Tacoma and two sons, Fred C. Lindquist, San Francisco, California, and Carl E. Lindquist, vice president, Puget Sound National Bank, Tacoma. Funeral service was held in the church, Tuesday afternoon, October 3, 1933.

The last bible passage, read just before his death, was Phillipians 1: 19-21. "Faithful in the Least and to the Last," may well be the superscription to his life.

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